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Applicant: Roberto A. GAXIOLA)

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Title: METHOD FOR IMPARTING DESIRABLE)
PHENOTYPIC TRAITS, INCLUDING)
DROUGHT, FREEZE AND HIGH SALT)
TOLERANCE AND METHODS FOR)
INCREASING SEED PRODUCTION)

Examiner: Mehta, Ashwin D.

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2003, and with regard to the election/restriction requirement therein. Claims 33-83 are pending in this application and are presented for consideration. Since the Examiner has provided reasons for the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, namely Claims 58 and 60-76, for prosecution on the merits at this time. This is done without prejudice to Applicant's right to prosecute the remaining claims, namely 33-57, 59, & 77-83.

Respectfully submitted,

June 30, 2003

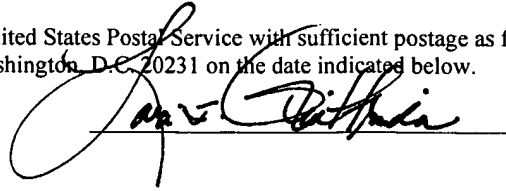
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